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Fire crews from Wilberforce and Highland Grove work to put out the blaze at the Harcourt Community Centre on Nov. 29. Dysart Fire Chief Miles Maughan estimates the damage to be around \$400,000.

Fire destroys Harcourt landmark

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

It wasn't just a community centre for the people of Harcourt; it housed many memories.

At 6:45 a.m. on Nov. 29, owners of the South Algonquin Country Store at Midway Street and Loop Road heard the Harcourt Community Centre's fire alarm and called 911.

They weren't the first to do so. Other local residents were awakened by the alarm and saw the fire. Jennifer Coulter lives in the duplex right beside the community centre and heard the alarm when it first sounded.

"I looked out at the building and didn't see anything," Coulter said. "Then, after about 10

minutes, the alarm stopped but I saw the lights on our wall from the building and noticed the building was on fire." Coulter was about to call 911 when she saw two fire trucks pull into the parking lot.

Though the fire was technically in Dysart, an agreement between the two municipalities assigns fires in Harcourt to Highlands East. Fire Chief Bill Wingrove confirmed they were on scene within five minutes of the call, but the fire had already spread to the building's roof which collapsed soon after.

Highland Grove and Wilberforce were the first two stations dispatched. Crew members had a bit of time to take some of the tables and chairs out, but the remaining contents were lost.

Wingrove called Dysart et al fire chief and community emergency coordinator Miles Maughan shortly after the blaze was contained, to assess the situation.

"I received the call from Chief Bill Wingrove saying the community centre had been destroyed," Maughan said. "They battled the fire but were unable to stop the spread."

More than 30 firefighters worked for three hours to control the blaze and put it out, Wingrove said. Afterwards, only the bones of the structure remained, along with the community centre's sign which had fallen from its place over the door.

As part of the fire department's protocol, Maughan contacted the fire marshal. He said the fire marshal has people who investigate

fires all over the province rather than one specifically assigned to Haliburton County.

"I spoke to the supervisor and with that information he makes a decision on if a fire investigator will attend the scene," Maughan said. "They must attend if there is a death or serious injury, [something] suspicious or in a few other specific cases. After our discussion about this fire he will not be sending an investigator and the investigation will be up to Bill (Wingrove) and myself."

Wingrove verified the building had been empty at the time and the janitor hadn't been in it since Nov. 28. Subsequently, no one was hurt in the fire.

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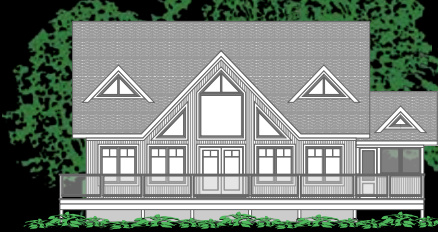
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Community centre more than just a building

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Upon further investigation, the two fire chiefs believe the fire started in the ceiling or attic area above the kitchen. Wingrove confirmed the cause of the fire was electrical.

"Unfortunately there will be no way to prove that is [exactly] what happened," said Maughan. "But by the evidence, [we] are content with the explanation."

On the morning of the fire, standing outside the burning building, Diamond Lake resident Ken Langford told *The Highlander* his wedding reception was held at the community centre. The memory ended there, as it was too painful to fully recount. The loss of a building where memories remain is heartfelt. It wasn't just a home for Bingo, art classes or quilting. It was as the name implies – the centre of a community.

Ross Covert, volunteer and chair of the committee for the community centre, said they will have to wait for an assessment of the damage before thinking about rebuilding. Because the building was more than 50 years old, it's less

about the structure and more about how it functioned as a community hub.

"There were pictures of Grenville Martin in there," Covert said, referring to the owner of G.W. Martin Lumber Limited in Harcourt, at one time one of the county's largest employers. When people think of Harcourt, residents remember his contribution to the community. "Some pictures of his log trucks and the old mill were in there."

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said the fire is devastating to the little community of Harcourt but confirmed the building is covered under the town's insurance policy.

"It's covered under the municipal policy and will be covered for the building and the contents," Fearrey said, adding he hopes Covert and the Harcourt Community Centre committee will look into a more energy-efficient structure. Maughan estimates the damage to be around \$400,000.

"That was the hub of Harcourt. That's where you go," Fearrey said. "I am sure they will find their way to Wilberforce more often but that's good too, that they are close enough to that community and will have a place to go."

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Highlander news

Foresters warn beech bark disease a public health risk

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

Beech bark disease has swept across Haliburton County and so future generations will not see a full-size beech tree as it is known today.

Researchers and forestry experts in the region said the area was hit quickly by the disease, which is caused when a scale insect bores through bark leaving opportunity for a fungus that eventually suffocates the tree.

"The big beech is no longer," Ernie Demuth, senior technician at the Bancroft Minden Forest Company (BMFC), told *The Highlander*. "It's gone. We're the last generation to see it. It's too late. It's already here."

Demuth presented about the disease at the Nov. 25 county council meeting to ensure councillors understood the current decline of the beech tree in the county to help encourage public awareness.

The scale insect, native to Europe, was brought to Nova Scotia around 1890 and has devastated forests there as well as Quebec and New York. It was found in southern Ontario around 1960, but didn't spread from a segregated area. Demuth said one theory suggests the invasive species was brought to the county on firewood. He said effects of beech bark disease were first seen in the county about seven years ago. Trees have heavily deteriorated on the crown land around the former Frost Centre.

"In the last four to five years, it just ripped through," he said. "You just have to walk out your door, take a look and you'll see it."

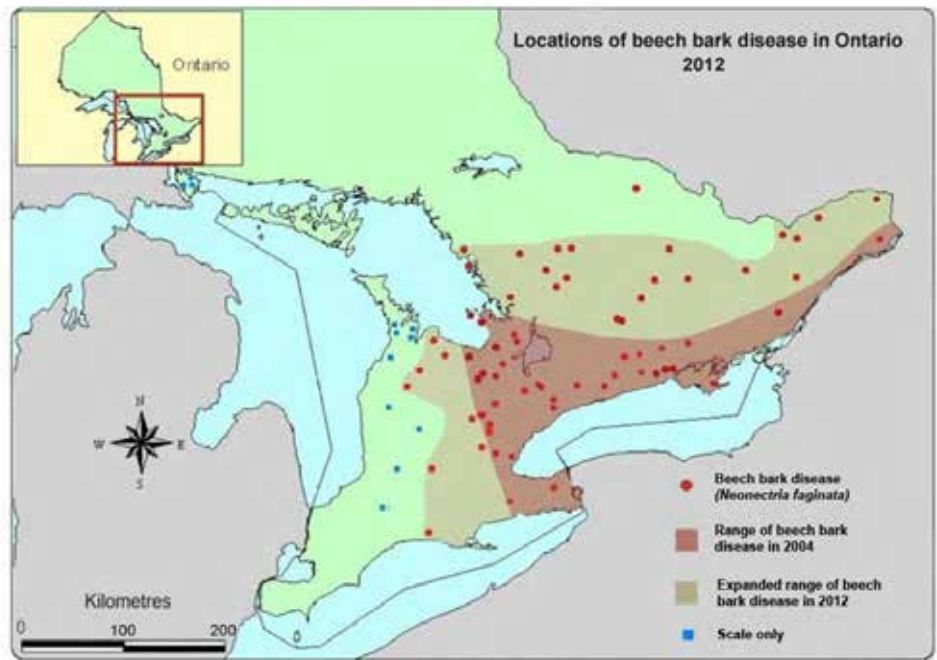
Not all beech trees in the area will be infected, with some being resistant to the disease, so the BMFC has been marking suspected healthy trees but have found many trees originally marked healthy might be gone within nine months.

Demuth said new beech trees that are also affected by the disease grow from the roots of compromised trees and eventually a wasteland of beech thickets prevents other species of trees, plant species and herbs from growing due to shade.

"All the diversity gets destroyed because of the lack of light," he said. "A disease like this is a catastrophe for sustainable forest management. When beech bark disease comes in, it compromises that. It changes forest compositions. When it takes hold in certain areas it really takes hold."

Local foresters have followed suit with counterparts in New York by attempting to clear the diseased beech tree from crown land throughout the county using salvage cuts to allow for forest regeneration, but are sometimes met with resistance from local and seasonal residents who are concerned about what they think might be unnecessary cutting.

"What we're trying to do is get something other than beech to establish," said Demuth. "People were of the attitude that there's nothing we can do to stop this, but didn't understand the repercussions [on our forests]



Map from Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

The range of beech bark disease in Ontario as of 2012, showing progression since 2004 and locations of infestations.

of not doing anything about it."

The BMFC is planning to donate logged beech wood, which is largely unusable outside of firewood, to the Heat Bank Haliburton County.

Beech bark disease was first seen at the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve about four years ago, according to owner and manager Peter Schleifenbaum. He said the disease is not necessarily deadly but is expected to kill over 90 per cent of beech.

"Trees which will survive will have nothing in common with the stately, smooth barked trees we know as beech in Haliburton today," he said.

Schleifenbaum visited beech tree forests in Nova Scotia a few years ago, which he said look vastly different from typical beech tree stands and are significantly smaller.

"Beech trees there are scrub-like, stunted and pock-marked from top to bottom," he said.

Both Schleifenbaum and Demuth said beech trees with the disease will experience a drop in nut production, which will have an impact on food supply for wildlife, including bears.

"But even beyond that, Europeans refer to beech as the 'mother of the forest' because of its other, rather subtle, yet decisive qualities," said Schleifenbaum. "We will lose all of these."

County councillors expressed concern with the lack of public knowledge

about the impact of the disease. Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey noted the issue would be an ongoing public safety issue in Haliburton County for years to come with beech trees falling next to roads.

Demuth said the diseased trees are known as 'widow makers' because they can look healthy but fall apart when touched. He said the BMFC staff has witnessed how easily affected trees fall.

"You'll just be sitting in the forest when the slightest breeze comes through and you'll hear 'crash, boom, bang,'" he said. "It's really dangerous stuff."

Demuth recommended property owners be cautious around beech trees that have encountered beech bark disease, which might be identifiable by white bark or by wilting foliage and small leaves.

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Editorial opinion

Let's dump our dirty past

A perk of living in a city is that someone picks up your trash.

In my years away from the Highlands, I was fortunate to have the town come to my door in a giant truck and take almost everything away. You just had to follow the rules.

As a family of four, we separated our garbage, not only for the sake of the environment but also to make it easier to get rid of it. After all, if it didn't meet the town's regulations, our pile of stinky waste would be left at the end of our driveway for the neighbours to see – a kind of public shaming.

Things, of course, are different here. We don't have the population density to make door-to-door pickup viable. So since our return to the Highlands, our family has relied on the Scotch Line Landfill.

In recent weeks, some residents and businesses have complained about changes at Scotch Line since the management contract was switched. They say the rules are too tough and the costs too high. Others have countered that it's time to make up for past mistakes and follow regulations about what can be dumped, and where.

When it comes to those rules, there's really no excuse for failing to follow them. The people who run the landfill are helpful – they explain where everything needs to go and why.

But still, landfill staff has to monitor visitors closely because despite all our talk about the importance of recycling, we still don't do it properly.

There's no excuse for that.

Twenty years ago we went to the "dump". There's real meaning in that word. It's where we threw everything into a pit and were done with it. How cathartic!

Now things have changed. Waste disposal

is one of the biggest problems the world faces.

Garbage that's not properly managed can lead to health and environmental

problems. Waste mountains are growing taller. So it's up to governments to come up with effective systems to deal with it all. It's why we must sort recyclable, construction and hazardous waste and not just for the sake of the environment but because we're simply running out of space.

Recycling isn't a new concept. It has been around as long as I can remember. A lot of garbage doesn't belong in landfills anymore, so we have facilities to collect reusable materials and repurpose spare parts. After all, there can be a lot of value in what we throw away – it's a big business. Some waste, like Freon (used as refrigerants and as aerosol propellants), is an environmental threat and requires extra handling, which bears a cost.

And while recycling has its own costs and profits, failing to do it right can be expensive too.

Garbage that gets put in the recycling container can lead to the whole batch being rejected. In some instances, over 20 per cent of so-called recyclable material gets diverted to landfills because it is contaminated with non-recyclable garbage.

That's just unacceptable.

The days of throwing everything in a big hole in the ground are over.

For the sake of the Highlands and of our children and grandchildren, it's time to stop merely going through the motions. We must sort our garbage properly.

Let's dump the dirty ways of the past and do our part for the future.



By Jennifer Hughey

May I have a word with you?

I am sure you were as pleased as I was when the Oxford English Dictionary recently announced its Word of the Year.

It is U+1F602.

The word of the year is perhaps better described as, well, not really a word at all. More specifically, the word of the year is an emoji represented by the Unicode 1F602. One could liken the code to the Latin nomenclature used to identify plants and wildlife, like when we say *Turdus migratorius* rather than calling it by its more familiar name, Robin. Unicode 1F602 is computer speak that emerges on your screen as a smiling face with tears running down its cheeks. I have heard it described as tears of joy. If you haven't seen it, it is a sight to behold:

Emojis and their progenitors emerged in a serious way when computers and word processing first came on the scene. Sure, before computers, people would sometimes make cute little signatures with the letters and punctuation available on a typewriter keyboard. Of course, the possibility of spreading these beyond the immediate recipients of the typed note was extremely limited. These little typed pictures became known as emoticons.

With the introduction of email and the opportunity to share our cleverness with hundreds of people at one time, those adroit with their keyboards were able to use their skills to create such pieces of emoticon art as :-)) and :-(and other amazing emotional symbols.

The race for quicker, shorter messaging fed the introduction of emoji. Who wants to take the time to be creative on your keyboard and why chew up Twitter characters when a single symbol, embedded somewhere in your machine can express what would otherwise take sentences to convey?

And it didn't take long for the wizards of the internet to morph all that typing in a single keystroke to deliver J, the simple smiling face. From there it was only a matter of time before we arrived at 1F602 and its many related emotional relatives...and trust me, there is an emoji or emoticon to fit your every mood. I understand there are over 1,600 emojis across a variety of computer platforms...more than enough for everyone to find an appropriate one for that emotion that defies words. Emojis

have become so ubiquitous they have their own annual day of recognition, July 17.

As one would expect, emoji is a Japanese word which is roughly translated into 'picture-character'. When I see their widespread use I can't help but be reminded of the primitive drawings that were discovered in Lascaux caves in southern France: a hunter, freshly returned from another successful conquest, does not want his efforts to be forgotten. And so he draws pictures, rather great artistic interpretations as a matter of fact, of what he ran into that day...bison, stags, bears, birds and even a representation of a human...perhaps himself, if not a successful hunter a talented artist... adorn the caves. Over 2,000 drawings, or are they emojis? There are many examples from around the world where primitive cultures have left their marks on the walls of caves. With the reemergence of these pictographs I can't help but wonder: are emojis the first step on a slippery return to an era when words did not exist and people communicated using drawings on the walls of caves?

The venerable Oxford English Dictionary appears to be contributing to that erosion and in the process the venerable institution is losing some of its patina. Last year it chose a hash tag as the Word of the Year. Again, not just a word but a phrase, #blacklivesmatter. The hash tag, serious in its intent and message is not a word, as I understand the word word to mean. Of course, then neither is U+1F602, so once again the OED has chosen to be cool rather than thoughtful.

Far be it for me to deny anyone the opportunity to express themselves through emojis or hash tags, I just think that a publication that has served as the bastion of the English Language should revisit its criteria for choosing its Word of the Year. Perhaps it needs to change the annual designation to the outstanding "symbolic representation of an emotion" or this year's "trending thought" and give those of us, who still value words for communication purposes, a word to ponder each year.



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Editorial opinion

Make sure to ask questions

Dear editor,

Attention Ward 4 and other County residents. Are you aware of the possible rezoning of Lakeside Golf Course on Highway 118 in West Guilford to become a concert venue for 10,000 plus people, camping and the mess?

What will this do to the community as we know it? Our enjoyment of relaxing evenings will be gone and trying to go anywhere with the added traffic will be horrendous.

It will put a great strain on our already burdened landfills. It could also affect our health services within our community. We have one ambulance on 24 hours a day and a second one for 12 hours a day from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. We have one doctor at the hospital on weekends.

The new OPP Billing is adding approximately \$200 more per household plus a 60/40 split per call. We have an 86 per cent increase over five years already. What will the

added calls for policing related to these events add to our taxes?

How will our fire services respond to calls if they don't have sufficient water supply? We have volunteers who work very hard to protect us. Therefore, we have to insure they have a sufficient water supply on site for their safety and ours.

Can they facilitate a proper, healthy place at these events and fresh water for all the people? What about sewage?

Is this worth a few full-time positions and possibly some part time work?

If you have questions or concerns, please contact our representatives on council at Dysart et al and let them know. Ward 4 is without representation on this matter so where does that leave that vote?

Signed,

Name withheld by request

The fate of the Beer Store murals

Dear editor,

In light of the construction of a proposed new Beer Store beside Foodland, I wonder if any consideration has been made about the fate of the wonderful murals which grace the exterior walls of the current Beer Store.

I, for one, have been entertained by the scenes depicted and always find a new scenario to smile about. It would be a shame to lose these after the Beer Store has been relocated.

Sincerely,
Cath McLean
Minden

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo by Douglas Hughey

The sun rises in the east over the Cox Farm on Horseshoe Lake Road.

It's the way he tells 'em

"Daddy, I've got a joke for you," says Little Z, often! And, as often as not, said joke is a mish mash of a story that involves chickens, roads and swift moving vehicles, with little or no punch line. But, loving father that I am, I laugh heartily every time and then encourage him to go tell his mother, "because she'll think it's hilarious." A budding comedian should always play to his most appreciative audience!

Anyone who has kids or whom has had experience of five to seven-year-olds will know the kind of joke I'm talking about. It goes something like this. Little Z says: Daddy, my dog's got no nose, ask me how he smells."

"How does he smell," I ask politely, knowing full well the correct comedic answer.

"He smells with his bum!" comes the uproarious guffawing reply. I'm somewhat bemused, again. Firstly, due to the fact that the punchline is totally incorrect and nonsensical, and second because my son is now lying on the floor shaking with laughter because he's just said 'bum'. Ah the joys of childhood.

Last week, however, I was shocked when Little Z got the punchline correct. "Knock knock," came his opening gambit.

"Who's there?" I responded with a weary smile.

"Doctor," said Little Z.

"Doctor who?" I inquired.

"Doctor Who," said Little Z, "Doctor Who, daddy."

I laughed, he didn't.

"Do you know who Doctor Who is?" I asked.

"No, is he funny," asked Little Z, "Because that might make the joke funny."

Explaining about the countless decades of TV programmes, the plethora of Doctors and even the Daleks – I thought those robot alien chaps might spark some interest – did little to coax a chuckle out of my son. I guess the Time Lord and his rubber masked monsters don't register in the mind of my 21st Century boy. However, the fact that Little Z had told me a real joke got me thinking that he might lay off the bum, willy and fart gags for a while and take a chance on some humour of a less toilet-minded nature.

To that end I purchased him a joke book, and, for the last week or so I have been inundated with some oldies but goodies and

some plain terrible jokes such as: how do you make a tissue dance? Blow a boogie into it! That one was one of Little Z's favourites, because it had a word "that sounded like booger, daddy!"

Now, I was getting a little tired of my son's constant insistence on telling me jokes until just the other day, when he came out with a belter. A joke I'd never heard before and one which made me laugh all the more because it has a very local feel to it. A joke that spoke of Little Z's Canadian lifestyle, his new but quickly growing Haliburtonian roots.

I laughed so loud and hard that my son stepped back in shock. Never before had his wisecracks inflicted the 'old man' with such a case of the giggles, and, after considering my hunched posture and watering eyes, he joined in and we both had a jolly good laugh.

"Where did you hear that?" I asked after partially recovering my composure.

"Abby told me it," said Little Z. I burst out laughing again, because Abby is a lovely little girl, for whom butter wouldn't melt in her mouth.

"Did she tell you any more?"

"No, just that one. Is it a good one?" asked Little Z, obviously not quite grasping the punchline of said joke.

"Oh it's a good one, now off you go and tell your mother, she'll love it!" I spluttered between fits of helpless giggles. And, off went Little Z to find my lovely wife, who believes her son to be nothing short of an angel.

When I heard him in the next room, saying: "Mummy, I've got a joke for you..." I slipped out into the garden to await my wife's eruption, be it good or bad, to our son's first truly Haliburtonian joke.

It seemed the birds had gone silent as I listened intently. I could still hear Little Z telling his joke...

What's the cheapest meat you can buy?

I don't know, what is the cheapest meat you can buy?

Deer balls, they're under a buck!

"WILLIAM! WHERE ARE YOU?"

I ran for the shed, bursting out laughing again as I went.



By Will Jones

The Outsider

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Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *How do you feel about the salvage yard proposal?*



Amber Cooke

Haliburton

I think we need it. Why should we be taking it out of our township? We should be making the money and keeping it right here.



Curtis Bane

Minden

I think it's awesome. It will bring jobs to the community.



Paul Tkahar

Haliburton

It will create jobs and create a place for scrap to go locally, but it all depends on the nearby community and what they want and don't want.



Louie Reynoles

Haliburton

I don't have a problem with a scrapyards. As long as all the bylaw restrictions were met, it would be fine.



Michael Rieger

Haliburton

Anything that is going to ease up the pressure on the dump and get things reused a little more would be a good thing. And anytime you can get more jobs put into the county is a plus.

Photos and interviews by Alex Coop

Proposed Highway 35 site not suitable

Dear editor,

On Nov. 26, residents from Hunter Creek Estates and Gull Lake attended the Minden Hills council meeting. The extremely large group came to protest the proposal to create a salvage yard on the adjoin property to Hunter Creek Estates.

Hunter Creek Estates is an established residential community, geared to senior living. People move to this development so they can continue to live an independent, active and healthy lifestyle as they navigate the challenges and health issues that come with the golden years.

The proposed salvage yard would not only be detrimental to senior health issues and quality of life, but also to the environment. Hunter Creek flows through the backland of Hunter Creek Estates connecting to Gull Lake and on to the Trent Severn Waterway. Residents here get their water from artesian wells at the back of the property and people on Gull Lake use the lake water. The land is very sandy and permeable on this property and where the proposed salvage yard is to be located. According to the Canadian Auto Recycler's Environmental Code (CARE), spills of hazardous liquids on permeable surfaces would lead to contamination of ground water, wetlands, and fresh water supplies. Therefore, the proposed site

is NOT SUITABLE FOR A SALVAGE YARD.

A salvage yard deals with hazardous fluids like mercury (which can contaminate soils and water bodies), mercury vapor (one gram of mercury vapor can contaminate 3.8 million litres of fresh water), nickel and lithium from batteries, lead acid, battery acid, Freon, fluorethane, oil, antifreeze, other lubricants and solvents on a daily basis. A salvage yard needs a crusher, but according to CARE, a crusher cannot be located in, or connected to, a wetland or water course. Therefore, the proposed site is NOT SUITABLE FOR A SALVAGE YARD.

At least three seniors living in Hunter Creek Estates are on oxygen, breathing machines or use puffers daily. Air quality is a huge issue for people with respiratory problems. The thoughts of summer dust from truck traffic and the possibility of mercury vapor contamination, along with all the other lubricants and solvent vapors, are horrifying to contemplate for any human but especially for a fragile senior.

Rain and snowfall can also affect the safe operations of a salvage yard. Heavy rain can flood areas where contaminants are stored or spilled, pressure washers can also create contaminated run off. Waste can accumulate on snow and become a problem during spring thaw and run-off.

The storage of old tires presents a different problem. A tire fire has significant impact on air, land and water quality. Francis Fuel on Hwy. 35 is in front of the proposed site. Propane and fuel are stored there potentially creating a dangerous situation. More disturbing, is how old tire piles create an excellent breeding ground for mosquitoes that carry West Nile Virus.

So much is at stake here; wetlands, drinking water, air and land pollution and

the health and safety of people who live in this retirement community. We all want quality of life for the humans, wildlife, lake life, and the flora and fauna that share this unique part of the land between.

Let's conserve our ecosystem now and for the generations that come after us.

Sharon Lawrence
Hunter Creek Estates
Minden Hills

An special evening of togetherness

Dear editor,

We just came home from a weekend in Haliburton. The timing was planned so that we could attend the Haliburton Shindig on Saturday evening with friends from the area.

We attended last year and were very impressed with Dame Beatrice, Elf and all the local talent. Although we have been to Haliburton many times in the past, this was a very special visit. We were absolutely thrilled with the community "feeling" and support that surrounded this fundraising event for those who need assistance with fuel needs over the winter.

To have a full house, to have donations of over \$17,000...this was amazing. However,

just as importantly, from my perspective, was the community feeling that permeated the evening. I know that people often "retire" to Haliburton County. I am sure they have done their homework and are impressed with the clean air, lovely lakes, starry skies and friendly people.

What is not so obvious, until you have experienced it, is this feeling of togetherness, helpfulness and cooperation that filled the auditorium that evening.

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Highlander news

Residents rally against salvage yard

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

Hunter Creek Estates residents and the Gull Lake Cottagers' Association (GLCA) are uniting to protest a proposed salvage yard off of Highway 35.

Delegations from both groups voiced their concerns at council meetings in Minden in November, with some residents protesting with signs outside the council doors on Nov. 26. The groups said they are concerned about the impact a neighbouring salvage yard will have on the environment including drinking water supply, their health and property values.

The proposed salvage yard site, which is adjacent to the Hunter Creek Estates housing development and about 715 metres from Gull Lake, was used as a quarry about 10 years ago. It is currently zoned extractive industrial and rural, but would have to be rezoned to be used as a salvage yard. A draft by-law proposed a 100 m buffer between the development and unevaluated wetlands on the property and a 30 m vegetative buffer between the salvage yard and the housing development.

Steve Beaver, owner of Steve Beaver Trucking and Excavating, and wife Michelle spoke to the concerns and said their site plan goes above and beyond what is required in order to comply with regulations.

The yard would be using an excavator or loader during business hours, from 1 a.m. to 5 p.m. The pair said it would be no nosier than the nearby work yard and fuel company that's open 24 hours a day. Rather than place scales the required 12 m from the entrance, the scales would be placed 60 metres from the entrance which the Beavers said would lessen negative visual impact.

They would also comply with clearance distances from water about 140 m from the creek, rather than the recommended 15 metres. They said they have consulted with a Ministry of Environment area inspector, a hydrogeologist engineer and a scrap yard owner who cottages on Gull Lake to ensure best practices.

"As permanent residents of Minden Hills, it is not our intention to deface the image and beauty of our home town," reads their presentation to council.

Hunter Creek Estates resident Jim McNeil

arranged a public meeting on Nov. 29 at the Minden Legion to rally residents together and urge them to reach out to councillors. He said the residents have no personal qualms with their neighbour or a salvage yard, but they're worried about the impact a nearby salvage yard and potential problems associated with it might have on the environment and their health. McNeil said many of the residents at Hunter Creek Estates use breathing machines and were worried about possible car fires or wafting fumes.

Within two days of starting a petition against the salvage yard, he said close to 500 people had signed it.

"If nothing is said about what's going to go in or going to happen with this, then it will continue on happening," said Jim McNeil. "We brought this in so we could get the word out there for people's knowledge ... what's going on health wise, environmental wise. We just have to keep going and keep pounding on this."

In a letter to council, the GLCA cited environmental concerns, including contamination of the Gull Lake watershed and threat to possible species at risk, and questioned who would be responsible for clean up in the case of disaster.

"The last thing we would like to see would be a scrap yard of the past with a scene of partially dismantled rusting cars littering the soil, leaking fluids and the appearance of our beautiful county," wrote GLCA president Keith Kennedy in a letter to council.

Kennedy said the regulations governing salvage yards are weak in Ontario and urged council to be responsible and thorough in examining and preventing the land use.

Steve said there are misinterpretations about the salvage yard. One couple told him they heard he would be burning tires, which he said is absolutely not true.

"They're going on like it's going to destroy the land or the water system and what not, and it's not," he told *The Highlander*. "The metal is going to be recycled and taken away. It's just more of a storage lot where we can take the parts and sort things."

Beaver said his relationship with the Hunter Creek Estate residents and council has remained friendly.

"This one has sparked community interest," said town planner Ian Clendening



Photo by Sue Tiffin

A concerned resident protests the proposed salvage yard.

of phone calls he has received. "By and large they are echoing those concerns of the environment and ensuring the quiet residential neighbourhood of Hunter Creek Estates is maintained."

Clendening said the area along the highway adjacent to the proposed salvage yard includes a township work yard and fuel company and is mostly zoned for industrial use.

Pam Sayne, councillor of Ward 2, said she is confident township staff are following procedures accurately and that everyone is being heard.

"The people involved — the land owners nearby, the people concerned with the environment and the people concerned with growing their businesses and creating jobs, which is good for all of us — all three of

those interests are extremely important and we have to get this right," she said.

"I'm glad people are getting proactive and paying attention now, I would not like to see everybody get concerned after everything's approved," said Sayne. "I'm glad we have this process where everybody can express their issues and make sure as we go through the process those issues get acknowledged and considered in the decision. That's critical."

Some of the concerned residents plan to protest along the highway as well as at the next council meeting, which takes place Dec. 10. Beaver said he is in the process of applying for environmental and noise studies. Clendening said the results of the studies will be peer reviewed.

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Highlander news

Monthly hydro credit available for low-income families

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Local families are being encouraged to contact the John Howard Society of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton (JHS) if they need help paying their hydro bill.

"We're the only agency in town who's administering this program," said Shannon Speirs, supervisor of the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) at the JHS. "We want people to know where to go in order to get this credit."

Although the program doesn't officially launch until Jan. 1, applications are being

accepted now.

"Tons and tons of applications have been coming in," said Speirs.

Created by the Ontario Energy Board, the program is designed to lower electricity bills for low-income households. Eligible customers will receive a monthly credit based on their household income after taxes and number of people in their home.

For example, a single person who earns under \$28,000 after deductions would qualify for a \$30 monthly credit, explained Speirs. The maximum monthly credit is \$50.

According to the OESP website, customers

who must use a lot of power because their home is electrically heated or they rely on an "approved medical device" can be eligible for a higher level of assistance.

Since the JHS was already administering another OEB program—the Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP)—they were asked to be the intake agency for the new initiative.

It goes "hand-in-hand with our other hydro program," she said.

LEAP provides emergency assistance to those who are in arrears on their hydro bills.

The new program is funded by all ratepayers

through a per kilowatt-charge on electricity bills. It is not yet known how much this will add up to.

"Until we know how many customers will be using this program it is difficult to provide an exact figure," states the OEB's website. "At this time, based on eligibility of more than 500,000 customers, we expect this program will cost the average residential customer about \$1 each month."

Anyone interested in applying for the program should contact the JHS at 1-705-328-0472 ext. 931 or 929. More information is available at ontarioelectricitysupport.ca.

County in brief

OPP lay two stunt driving charges on weekend

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

A 49-year-old man and a 50-year-old woman were charged with stunt driving Nov. 28 during two separate incidents.

Shortly after 10 a.m. Saturday, a northbound Mercedes SUV travelling at 137 km/h on Highway 35 near Green Gables Road was pulled over by a Haliburton Highland OPP officer. The posted speed limit for that area is 80 km/h. Thirukkumar Thirunavukarasu of Whitby was charged with stunt driving.

A few hours later at 4:30 p.m., an OPP officer observed a southbound Jeep Wrangler travelling Highway 35 at a speed of 135 km/h in a posted 80 km/h speed zone. The driver was pulled over and Catherine Aquin, also of Whitby, was charged with stunt driving.

Both vehicles were impounded and their licenses were seized and suspended for seven days under the stunt driving legislation.

A report from the OPP is reminding drivers speeding by more than 50km/h over a posted speed limit is considered stunt racing. Penalties include a fine between \$2,000 and \$10,000, the suspension of one's driver's license and up to two years in prison.

The report also reminds drivers in the Haliburton area to keep in mind driving conditions can change rapidly during the winter. Being aware of road conditions and maintaining good driving habits will reduce the risk of being involved in a motor vehicle collision.

ETFO reaches tentative deal with province

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) has reached a tentative agreement with the province.

The ETFO announced the news in a press release on Nov. 27.

"Under the new process for bargaining, we had two central tables virtually proceeding at the same time," said ETFO president Sam Hammond in the release. "While the process has been difficult, we achieved a tentative agreement for our DECE [designated early childhood educators], ESP [education support personnel] and PSP [professional support personnel] members. They will vote on this tentative deal in the coming weeks."

The tentative agreement was reached with the government and the Council of Trustees' Associations made up of representatives of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association and the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association.

Employees have been without a contract since August 31, 2014.

The release goes on to say the "ETFO will review the tentative agreement with its local leaders and members before making further comments to the media."

The ETFO represents 78,000 elementary public school teachers, occasional teachers and education professionals across the province.



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The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills is seeking expressions of interest from members of the public for the Property Standards Committee, for the remaining term of the current Council.

We would ask that you provide the undersigned with a Letter of Interest on or before December 10th, 2015.

If you have any questions please contact Colin McKnight at cmcknight@mindenhills.ca, by calling 705-286-1260 Ext. 210 or at our office at #7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

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Festival of Trees THANK YOU!

The Township would like to extend a huge thank you to volunteer Pam Smith, FOT Coordinator, and Committee members Jaklin Johnson, Eli Welch, Pat Campbell and Joe Smith for all your hard work and effort preparing for and coordinating this year's Festival of Trees. The Festival would not be the spectacular event it is each year without the dedication of our volunteers. Thank you!

Highlander news

Minden tears down Gelert Hall

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

A calendar still hung on a bulletin board on the one remaining standing wall of Gelert Hall the day it was demolished, a reminder of a busier time in the building's history.

The well-known hall was one of two abandoned landmarks in Gelert that are no more.

The former Snowdon roads shed came down on Nov. 30 and Gelert Hall was taken apart Dec. 1.

The road shed was used as a schoolhouse in Gelert until 1951. It was then used as a dance hall until the cost of music proved too costly. It hadn't been used as a roads shed since amalgamation in 2000 according to environmental and property operations manager Ivan Ingram.

Ingram said Gelert Hall, which had been used as a schoolhouse, township office and community centre was closed to the public by the health unit in 2012. Community groups, the general public and councillors had tried over the years to save the buildings, but they had fallen into complete disrepair. Neither were designated as heritage properties.

The demolition and removal of both buildings, as well as the planned demolition of the Pritchard House and an unused township-owned house on Prince Street in Minden, cost about \$35,000.

Some of the stones from the exterior of Gelert Hall were saved for possible future use, and the roof from the building was deposited in the metal pile at the Scotch Line landfill.

"I'm sad to see it go for the community," said Ingram. "But I believe in the end, this council made the right decision for all parties."



Top: A dozer demolishes the former Snowdon roads shed on Nov. 30. Above: Gelert hall was demolished on Dec. 1.

Photos by Sue Tiffin

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Ballantyne leads expansion of French education in Haliburton

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

The French language continues to gain popularity among youth in Haliburton, thanks to the efforts of the local Canadian Parents for French (CPF) branch and its award-winning volunteer Nancy Ballantyne.

For nearly two decades, the Haliburton resident, alongside other dedicated CPF volunteers, has worked hard to develop French programs both in and out of the classroom. Ballantyne's contributions have earned her the Mlacak Award, a prestigious annual award named after Beth Mlacak, whose extensive volunteer work helped lay the foundation for the organization.

"The driving force has always been to provide kids with opportunities to engage with the French language as much as possible," Ballantyne said.

She noted how the development of general language skills evolves faster when a child learns to speak in another language.

Employment options are also more diverse if one knows how to speak French. According to Statistics Canada, bilinguals have an edge when it comes to finding jobs, especially in federal government roles.

One of the CPF programs in Haliburton is Jeux Di, which is a French games night which runs once a month. It's a successful program attended by dozens of elementary students on a Thursday evening at the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School's (JDHES) library. Its first night in 2012 drew over 30 children. The program continues to be a popular destination for young people in the community.

"It also provides students in high school the opportunity to earn volunteer hours and become a mentor for the younger students who attend," said Vanessa Meraw, treasurer for the Trillium Lakelands Haliburton Chapter of CPF.

The continued development of Core French

programs, which is mandatory from grades 4-8, is an area of French learning CPF wants to promote further. Core French is the single period of French class in schools.

"Some people think CPF is just about promoting French Immersion, but we want to develop all aspects of the French programs that are available in schools," Meraw explained.

French immersion is offered to children in grades 1-3 and out of all the schools in the Trillium Lakelands district, it's only available in Haliburton. The program was introduced to JDHES in 2002, the same time when the Trillium Lakelands Haliburton Chapter of CPF was established. Ballantyne and other

advocates of French programs worked hard to bring new opportunities, like French Immersion, to the Haliburton area.

"A lot of people move here simply because of the French programs we have available in our community," Meraw said.

Emphasis on French retention is a high priority for CPF, said Ballantyne, and

though programs outside of the classroom help keep children invested in the French language, keeping students engaged at school remains a challenge.

"Retention is becoming better, but the scheduling in high school can be difficult because you have so many different options," Ballantyne said. "Students still find it hard to stay in French Immersion or Core French."

The local CPF chapter is funded through membership funds and donations. According to Meraw, 65 per cent of all its funding goes straight into the community. French performers like Canadian singer-songwriter Mike Ford have played in Haliburton as a result of some of that funding.

Anyone interested in more information can visit on.cpf.ca or visit the group's Facebook page.



Photo by Alex Coop

From left, Nancy Ballantyne, winner of the Mlacak award, and Vanessa Meraw, continue to promote French language programs in Haliburton.

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HE celebrates Stoughton-Craig

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Family, friends and former colleagues wished Sharon Stoughton-Craig all the best on her retirement during an open house on Nov. 27 at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce.

The former chief administrative officer (CAO) and treasurer officially retired on Nov. 9 after 41 years with the Municipality of Highlands East.

"Three weeks have gone by and I don't even know where the time has gone," said Stoughton-Craig in an interview. "I don't

even have time to think about it." You don't really need to say it was during an interview. People will usually know they said it during an interview.

Asked what her plans are, the Gooderham native said she will be going to Myrtle Beach for three months.

"After that, I have lots of hobbies," she said, adding she is secretary/treasurer for the Wilberforce Food Bank which food bank? and will continue to be involved with the Plein Air Festival. Shannon Hunter, also from Gooderham, is Stoughton-Craig's successor.

Highlander business

Family business wins sustainability award

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

There's some new hardware in the trophy case at 1867 Confederation Log and Timber Frame.

The company was recognized for their commitment to sustainable practices and environmental stewardship at the 2015 Ontario Business Achievement Awards on Nov. 26 in Toronto.

"OBAA winners are making positive contributions to Ontario's economy while being mindful of the importance of corporate social responsibility when operating a business here in Ontario and abroad," president and CEO of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce Allan O'Dette said in a press release.

"This year's OBAA finalists have demonstrated why Ontario is the best place in the world to live, work, play and do business and we're proud to honour their commitments to creativity and innovation."

1867 Confederation Log and Timber Frame president and owner Rick Kinsman couldn't be more excited about the honour. And it's not the first award they've won.

The small business of about 20 was named Log Home Living's Best Home of 2015 by over 300,000 voters. It was also the recipient of four awards from the Peterborough Home Builders Association, including Manufacturer of the Year.

The family-owned and operated business

is located in Bobcaygeon, but Rick commutes from his home on Boshkung Lake in Algonquin Highlands daily, as he has done for over 30 years. Rick designed, cut, delivered and assembled the company's first house himself and has overseen every project since then. He has two sons, Rich and Andy, who grew up in the Highlands and now call Bobcaygeon home.

"We have been recognized for unique designs, innovative technologies, a quality product, business excellence, and now sustainability," Rich said in an email. Rich is the vice-president of operations and has been working with his dad at the company since 2007.

"Being 'green' and environmentally conscious has been a big focus for many around the world, but Confederation has always had this mindset," Rich said.

He added the logs are all Ontario-sourced in their natural growth cycle and air dried for one to two years so shrinkage occurs naturally. This slower process leaves no carbon footprint.

"During manufacturing, any cut-offs or unusable parts of the log are sold as firewood or boat blocks, and even the sawdust is collected and given to a local farmer for animal bedding," Rich said. "There's zero waste during production."

A senior communications advisor for the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Michelle Kelly, said they had hundreds of applications for the awards this year, submitted by



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Rick Kinsman, left, and sons Rich and Andy, right, pose with their Ontario Business Achievement Award.

businesses from across the province. For the sustainability award, entrants needed to be in good financial standing and have been in business in Ontario for at least three years. One of the criteria for entering was "proving leadership in sustainability makes good business sense."

"They needed to have an environmental or corporate sustainability initiative recognized as industry-leading by the panel of selected judges," Kelly explained.

This year, the OBAA judges were comprised of university professors from across all disciplines.

Rick entered the competition because he feels strongly about educating the public on environmentally sustainable cutting processes.

"A lot of people don't think it's very good to cut trees down, when really it's the exact opposite," Kinsman said. "When trees mature they should be cut down and utilized, as long as more trees are planted to replace them."

He went on to say Ontario is like a big farm, as far as planting is concerned. New trees use carbon to grow while old ones slow down. Responsibly replacing old trees with new trees takes more carbon out of the atmosphere. When asked about planting, Rick said the business doesn't plant the new trees, but rather requires its suppliers be Forest Stewardship Council certified.

Even though the business is not located in the county, many employees still live in the Highlands and Rick doesn't mind traveling back and forth now because it's become second nature.

"I've been driving back and forth for 36 years now," Rick said. "I'm pretty used to it."

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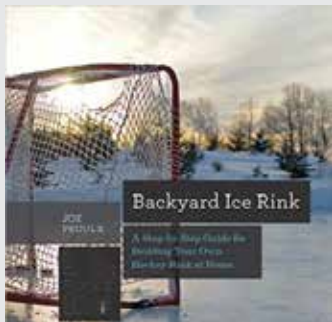
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The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.



HCPL's TOP FICTION

1. *The Marble Collector* by Cecelia Ahern
2. *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto* by Mitch Albom
3. *Close Your Eyes* by Michael Robotham



HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *Backyard Ice Rink: a step by step guide for building your own hockey rink at home* by Joe Proulx
2. *Losing Our Voice: Radio-Canada under siege* by Alain Saulnier
3. *The Ultimate Cookbook: recipes from the Canadian Living Test Kitchen*

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. *Backyard Chickens* by Avery Reed (Picture Book)
2. *The Keeper* by David Baldacci (JF)

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1. *Terminator: Genisys* (DVD)
2. *The Bazaar of Bad Dreams* by Stephen King (Book on CD)

LIBRARY NEWS

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Multi-talented Mirams makes multimedia art

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

As an artist, Judy Mirams could choose to focus on one single discipline, but instead she takes the opportunity to try learning and creating using new techniques. As a result, everything she touches is a work of art.

The Minden resident only moved here from Port Hope in 2012, but already she is a familiar face – especially to those whose faces she's captured on canvas.

"She's very talented," said Marylu Skinner. Skinner said Mirams snapped a photo of her as she was working at the Dominion Hotel one day, and returned a week later with a portrait of her likeness.

"I was very surprised, actually. Honestly, even my earrings she just drew perfectly."

Mirams has the ability to create mixed media portraits using pencil crayon, acrylic and collage techniques. She coats the work in beeswax, which she said makes an interesting finish and is a technique she learned in a book.

A lot of what Mirams creates comes from her ability to soak up and apply the instruction from books, which, along with the internet, she reads to learn new skills.

"I just bought a book of portraits and I followed the instructions and did the portrait," she said. "You can be an artist if you want to be an artist."

Mirams wasn't always an artist. She said she worked in the medical field and as a cleaner at a resort as well as stayed busy as a mother and grandmother. She had worked with ceramics for years, but it wasn't until 2002 that she actually had the opportunity to pursue art further.

"We got tip money from cleaning, and we piled it all into a jar," said Mirams. "So I used my money for art lessons, and then I just kept going."

From ceramics to watercolour to folk art, to crayon art, there's little Mirams hasn't experimented with in the way of art. She paints on stones and sews and works with scratchboard, a surface coated in india ink that can be scratched with a metal tool to create images on.

"I do everything," she said. "There's just so much out there and I want to learn everything."

"She's amazing," said Cathy Mack. "She's just so quiet and unassuming and doesn't self-



Photo submitted by Judy Mirams

Judy Mirams has created remarkable mixed media portraits of familiar faces in Minden including (from left) Rodney Titus, Shawn Smandych and Cathy Mack.

promote."

Mack works at Sassy Digs on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden, where some of Mirams' work is available. Currently the store is displaying some of Mirams' greeting cards, mixed media pictures, a watercolour painting and Christmas decorations. Mirams painted a portrait of Mack that Mack said is "awesome".

"She is multitalented," said Mack. "There's just so many areas she delves into. And she's so intuitive. Even if she doesn't know you, she'll pick up on unique elements."

Mirams said she gets inspired by the world around her.

"I'm always looking at pictures, and just different things give me ideas," she said.

Now that her kids are more independent, Mirams said she has more time to spend on her art and will work on projects for an hour or two each day.

"I don't do it constantly," she said. "I wait for things to dry. It's just like housework."

She said she did try to create artwork when her kids were smaller, but ended up helping them on projects more than she could finish her own.

"You're helping them, so you can't do yours," she said.

Despite having the freedom to work on her own creations, she does host "Grandma Art

Camp" for her 13-year-old granddaughter, Annie.

And now that she has the time, she finds she still doesn't have the space she needs so her studio is her kitchen seat. That might suit her just fine, anyway, since she prefers to work on small pieces.

"I find I'm not comfortable with painting big," she said. "I like little. Probably because I learned on a small piece."

Mirams does have space in Kinmount, where she attends the Kinmount Artisans' Market once a month. She also helped to host an art show there, featuring art inspired by Robbie Craig, an artist who worked in the Northwest Territories.

"That was a good project," said Mirams.

"We got together for Canada Culture Day and asked him if he would donate one of his pictures so we could all paint it. A group of us painted and used other media – wool and woven art. His mom came to our show to represent him."

Next up for Mirams is possibly fibre art, a medium she hasn't attempted yet. If her past work is any indication, there's no doubt she'll master it before she's turned the last page of the book she uses to learn it.

Mirams' work can be seen at the Kinmount Artisans' Market, at Sassy Digs in Minden or by following Scratch Scratch Art on Facebook.

Japanese artist inspired by the Highlands

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

He won't reveal his age or talk too much about his past, but one thing Terry Rothschild will openly discuss is his love for the Haliburton Highlands.

"It took me right off depression," said Rothschild, who was born in London, England, but grew up in Kyoto, Japan.

"I'm having so much fun here, so much fun."

Rothschild first came to Haliburton several years ago as an exchange student. He describes that period as "the funnest time" of his life.

In 2013 he returned to the Highlands for a two-week visit to see his good friend, Austin.

The two first connected because of their interest in Japanese anime.

For his most recent visit, Rothschild arrived at the end of October and will be staying until the end of December. He is spending time with his former host families, the McIvors in West Guilford and the Saxbys in Tory Hill.

In Japan, Rothschild held a job as a teacher but decided to instead pursue his two true passions: music and acting (as an actor he goes by the alias Kino Rothschild).

"I've been acting since I was like three years old," he said. "I'm in many commercials."

He landed a role in *Samurai X Part II*, released last year.

As a musician, he draws inspiration from Prince, Michael Jackson and David Bowie.

The music on his SoundCloud page includes a mixture of funk and electronic dance music which he calls "digital funk."

Rothschild possesses a black belt in karate, kendo and jiu jitsu.

He hopes these skills will enable him to obtain acting gigs in the future, either in London or Toronto. He currently remains undecided as to which city he will end up in.

"If I go to Toronto, I will definitely come back to Haliburton to visit," he said, adding he likes nature, the forests and marshes.

Anyone interested in listening to his music can go to soundcloud.com/modernboyofficial. Directors looking for an actor can email him at kinorothschild@gmail.com.

Highlander arts

What's Up Sinclair and the Angel Jane



By George Farrell

Because I'm not a church-goer it was with some discomfort I entered St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden recently. I was meeting with Sinclair Russell who, over the course of a lifetime, has established an international reputation as a premier events planner and designer of high society galas. From Carnarvon originally, and after a career in big-city centres, he's now located in Minden, where over the last couple of years he's lent his expertise to a variety of events.

There's something about Russell's wry sense of humour and general irreverence that puts me at ease, so my irrational sense of trepidation about being in a house of the Lord was assuaged by a hearty welcome from him, Pat Campbell and Sylvia Claridge. My interview with Russell took place in a room on the top floor of the church where the two women were sewing and embroidering ornately decorated costumes in preparation for the upcoming Christmas event titled *Calling All Angels*, which will take place at the church this Saturday.

"*Calling All Angels* is a family tradition for angels of all ages," Russell told me. "It's a re-enactment of the Christmas nativity story with all the characters including the Holy Family, shepherds and Magi."

The actors will be accompanied by "a dozen voices from the St Paul's choir, as well as local singers Gord Kidd and Wendy Connelly." As an added bonus the special guest will be international recording star Jane Siberry.

Siberry is best known for such quirky hits as *Mimi on the Beach*, *I Muse Aloud* and *Calling All Angels*, the song after which Russell's Minden event is named. Getting such a big star for a small Christmas pageant in Minden is quite a coup, but Russell explained how he was able to pull it off. It turns out he and Siberry are related. "She's a Pritchard and I'm a Pritchard," Russell revealed. "I also happen to be a Prentice, and Jane is my first cousin, twice removed."

What followed was a convoluted, mind boggling delve into the who's-who of Minden, during which it transpired the aforementioned Connelly is also a cousin of Russell's.

"And I'm my own grandpa," chirped Pat Campbell, with a chuckle. Banter and stitching continued and then Russell picked up the thread of his "Angels" story. "Reverend Joan Cavanaugh has been supportive of our idea for the pageant and this is the second year of the event," he said. "And Jane was kind enough to let me use the name of her song. She's usually touring about now, but not this year, so she agreed to do the signature song to open up the pageant. She also agreed to do a special concert the

next day."

Russell continued to enthuse about the upcoming pageant. "There will be a cast of dozens. The choir and the congregation will be singing carols, and the costumes of the actors will be spectacular. Some of the material comes from Thailand and I've mixed it with donated material and other stuff I've collected over the years. It's all being put together by our team of Anglican stitchers."

Following our interview we proceeded downstairs to the nave of the church for some photographs. Then it was time to get home and email Jane Siberry for her take on the events.

She responded almost immediately, by phone. Over the course of our conversation I found her to be a genuinely sensitive person who cares a great deal about Sinclair Russell.

"I would do anything for him," she said. "The people of Minden are very lucky to have him so involved in the community. I love this kind of pageant, and it's really special for me to come up there and be with people that I love."

I asked her what we might expect to hear from her on Sunday.

"People will know some of the songs," she replied. "I will do some stories and weave songs about the beauty of the land into the stories."

Siberry has recorded Christmas songs in the past, but her concert on Sunday, while promising to be inspirational, will not be religious in content.

"I'm just about to release a new record which I will tour in Canada and internationally," she said, "so I'll also be singing a preview of the album for the first time in public."

Siberry said for her concert, "kids, teens or the elderly can use a poem (original or otherwise), as currency, and present it at the door like a ticket." After the concert there will be an opportunity for people to talk to her.

"You'll be able to find me at the baking table," she said, "And you can ask me questions, but be prepared for me to ask you questions too."

There will be two performances of the Dec. 5 *Calling All Angels* pageant; at 5 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. Admission is by donation and proceeds will go towards church outreach programs. Siberry's Sunday concert on Dec. 6 will also take place at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave., beginning at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$19.

There might still be a ticket or two left. To reserve seats for either or both events call 705-286-2541.

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Highlander life

Victims of domestic violence still reluctant to report

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

Gender violence is no secret, but many of its victims continue to keep it to themselves.

According to a recent report from Statistics Canada, only five per cent of sexual assaults were reported to police in 2014 across Canada. In 2004, this statistic was virtually the same. Sexual assault was the most serious crime measured by the survey.

All other measured crimes had a much higher chance of being reported to police, the survey noted. Those resulting in financial loss of \$1,000 or more were 70 per cent more likely to be reported.

The release of the report coincides with the ongoing 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign, which began Nov. 25.

Lisa Clarke, project manager of the Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre, which serves various counties including Haliburton, said a stigma still exists surrounding conversations about sexual violence. As a result, it makes it difficult for victims to come forward.

"It continues in our communities," Clarke said. "One of the biggest issues in sexual violence is we shame each other."

Victims who do come forward are often met with skepticism, which further perpetuates rape culture in our communities, she said. For example, a person assaulted was "asking for it" based on the way they dress, what employment they choose or where they choose to go out and who they date. Other times, victims are accused of lying about their rape to "get back" at partners and obtain some type of financial gain.

However, in 2014 the National Center for the Prosecution of Violence Against Women reported the percentage of false reports is only around two to eight per cent.

"We have to show survivors of sexual violence that we believe them," Clarke said.

Many victims still have a hard time approaching police, but are more aware of the resources available. This in itself though, leads to an alarming statistic.

In an email response to *The Highlander*,

Darlene Smith-Harrison, outreach services coordinator for the YWCA Women's Centre of Haliburton County, said the demand for their services is increasing dramatically. During the first and second quarter of 2014, 33 clients were using one-on-one long-term counselling with the single therapist dedicated to Haliburton County. This year, that number has grown to 57 for that same period, which is a 72 per cent increase.

In addition, women seeking shelter at the YMCA Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace has also increased.

"Public awareness during the past year surrounding sexual assault and intimate partner violence has gone up due to a lot of cases shown in the media," said Smith-Harrison.

She referred to the ongoing investigations into former CBC employee Jian Ghomeshi and former actor-comedian Bill Crosby as examples of heavily publicized cases which involve sexual assault.

A presentation about sexual violence was recently held at the Haliburton School of The Arts. It was spearheaded

by the campus' sexual violence education facilitator, Amie Kroes. The school's dean and campus principal Sandra Dupret said the campus in Haliburton isn't seeing any reported instances of sexual assault. Discussions surrounding the issue are still important, she noted.

"People do seem to be more comfortable bringing it up," Dupret said. "Our college is a very inclusive place, and it's so important that students learn about this topic before they go to post-secondary school."

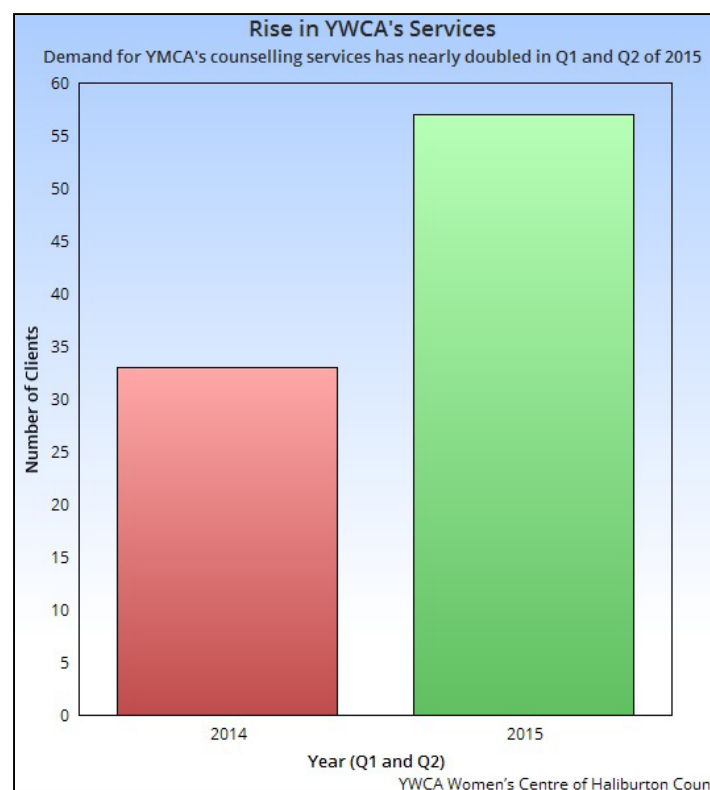


Chart by Alex Coop

Land Trust Collection a new addition to library

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Bookworms with an interest in the environment will discover a number of fiction and non-fiction titles at the local library with the upcoming release of *The Land Trust Collection*.

About 25 titles will be available for sign out through the Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) by the end of this week.

"We're getting a collection from another organization which then becomes ours," said Bessie Sullivan, CEO of the HCPL. "So obviously there's some economic benefit for us but also some subject benefit."

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) recently purchased the books, many of which were suggested by the organization's members and supporters. A call was put out to the public in the summer via newsletters.

Acting chair Dianne Mathes said that over the past six months the HHLT was looking at ways of reaching a younger audience.

"[We wanted] more ways to reach beyond the core group of people who know about the Land Trust," said Mathes, pointing out this includes both the local and seasonal population.

She credited past executive director Pat Kennedy and Sullivan for coming up with the idea.

"The idea came up that the library was a really central place where everybody ends up at different points."

Since there are eight library branches across the county, library users can go to the HCPL website to place a hold on any of the titles. They will then be able to sign them out at the branch of their choice.

"What the idea is, is that you would be able to dial in to the Land Trust collection and it would bring up everything that's in that collection," explained Sullivan. "Really what we're talking about is a virtual collection."

According to the HHLT's website, the collection will include conservation,

environmental education, field guides, outdoor adventures, research and children's books. They have received about \$500 in donations to purchase the books, but are still accepting funds.

Mathes is impressed by the response the new initiative has already received.

"I think it's just one of those really neat ideas that's catching on."

While library staff have general knowledge of many topics, they can't be experts in everything, said Sullivan. Through this partnership, those who are most knowledgeable in a particular field are making the recommendations.

"We would like to expand these partnerships to organization with any expertise that we don't have," she said.

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Highlander life

Eco team looks to create change

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

There are many environmentally friendly things happening at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS). Some of them are being brainstormed by the current eco team leader, Grade 10 student Andrew Carmount.

Carmount is the leader of the youth driven club and is guided under the mentorship of Samuel Little, a teacher of Hospitality and Tourism at HHSS. The club brainstorms activities and events they can organize throughout the year, to promote environmental best practices at the high school.

"We haven't really started recruiting people for this year yet," said Carmount. "We are coming up with ideas right now."

The eco team's goal is to educate and create change, according to Little. He has mentored the program and assisted youth in environmental initiatives for two years now. He is hoping Andrew will take the reins and have others join the team.

During the 2014 school year, Carmount and the members of the club worked to organize an assembly where members of the Blue Dot campaign and Environment Haliburton spoke about their initiatives in conjunction with Earth Day. They conducted a recycling audit to go through the garbage/recycling at the school and to learn more about how to recycle properly. They even planted a plum tree in the front of the school on National Tree Day.

"This year, we hope to raise money for a hydration station," Carmount said. "Which is a place where students can get a drink or fill up their water bottle." The high school has one, but the new one would be more easily accessible from the field. It's an initiative Little hopes to include the community in. Carmount wants to incorporate a water conservation education



Photo by Jennifer Hughey

Students from the Hospitality and Tourism course pick up garbage as part of their Clean-up Campaign on Nov. 6.

element, providing facts students can see every time they fill up.

The club is also planning to work with other classes to build solar powered fish huts, with the hopes of raising money for the eco team and to educate themselves on alternative power sources.

Little has plans for Carmount to work towards doing something for the eco team every month. He has created an eco-event calendar to keep the club active and involved.

"We assume that young people understand, but they still need mentorship

and guidance," Little said. "If I get one activity started and give Andrew the guidance and let him run it, he will be running everything without me in a year and I will be hands off."

Little feels when students have the ability to do something because they want to instead of thinking they have to, it makes for a better means of learning. And incorporating the environment is a great way to educate across the curriculum.

Little also runs the Clean-up Campaign, which is part of the Hospitality and Tourism course. It is organized twice a year, once in

the spring and once in the fall. The students are taught about eco-tourism as part of the course and cleaning up the area around HHSS is just a small part of what Little feels the kids can do to contribute.

When asked why he wanted to be a part of the eco team, Carmount said if there was anything he could do now, it would be to just get involved.

"I am an environmentalist, interested in climate change," Carmount said. "After high school, you remember the things you did, the clubs and activities. It's important to get involved."

Christmas craft kit fundraiser a family affair



Photo by Mark Arike

Ella Stamp, left, and Emma Boutin display the items they were selling at the Stedman's mall in Haliburton to raise funds for a children's toy drive. Absent is their sister Josie Quigley.

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Three sisters devoted a day of their weekend to give back to children in the community this Christmas.

"We do it as a family thing," said Emma Boutin.

On Nov. 28, Boutin, 12, and her sisters Josie Quigley, 14, and Ella Stamp, 10, sold homemade Christmas craft kits in the lobby of the Stedman's mall in Haliburton. This was the second year the local family made and sold the kits in order to buy toys for those less fortunate.

"We thought it would be nice because we do a lot of crafts in general," said Quigley.

Each kit, which sells for \$15, includes enough materials to make 12 different crafts. Their stepmother's parents donated money for some of the materials and other siblings also helped.

Last year, the girls took the \$300 they raised to buy toys at Stedman's V&S Department Store in Haliburton and delivered them to

Point in Time. The store gave them a discount on their purchases.

"We got a variety of toys and gifts because they told us what age groups they needed most," said Boutin.

They said the age group most in need this year is 10-18 years old.

By the doing the fundraiser, the sisters just want to make Christmas a little brighter for other kids.

"We just wanted to make sure that everyone in the community gets a nice Christmas and gets to wake up on Christmas morning with presents," said Boutin.

On Saturday they raised \$250, but with online sales they are close to \$700. They did their first round of shopping at Stedman's the same day.

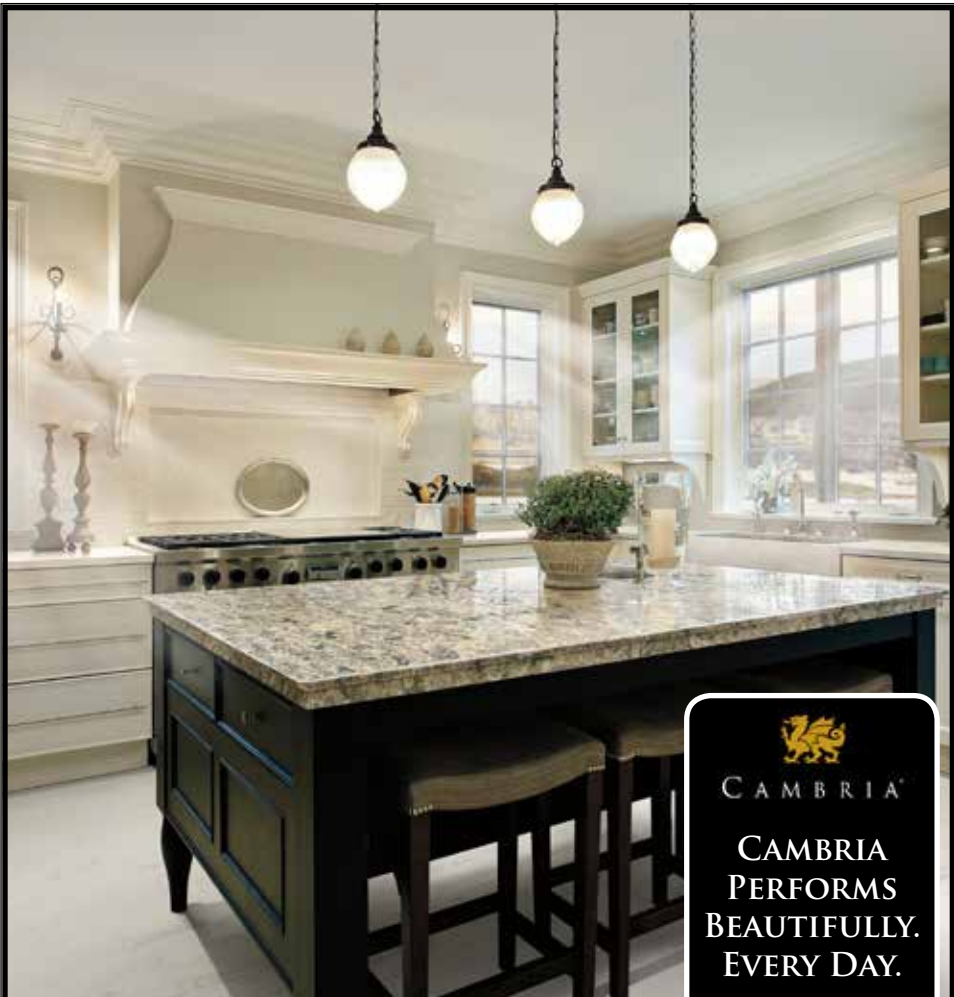
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Highlander health

A personal war with dementia

By Lee Turner

Contributing writer

Dementia has many faces.

It also has many other names associated with it. Alzheimer's, Lewy Body Disease, Frontal Lobe Dementia, Parkinson's and Huntington's are some of the better known names and conditions.

But whatever type or form it takes, it is insidious and has a life of its own. It works hard at destroying its host. It works doubly hard at destroying anyone who is near to it.

For some, the destruction comes at lightning speed. For most, it is a slowly creeping tentacle of demolition that twines its way into every thought process, past and present, and obliterates the future of desires and dreams.

But Dementia doesn't stop there. It is not content until the person closest to the

afflicted is damaged too. The caregiver's dreams and desires and hope for a present and future are also in ruins.

After a time, the caregiver is called on for 24/7 care with not much reprieve unless family and friends step in and save them from "caregiver fatigue."

Dementia cares not for finances, which by this time could be in ruins, but still wants to be fed, clothed, housed and medicated.

This Dementia can be subtle in its attack on the host. It wraps itself around current memories and slowly plucks them from existence taking with it the ability to recall what day of the week it is, what the current month is, when it is time to wake up or the time to go to sleep.

The afflicted is aware, at first that the brain is under attack and the ability to think and process is hindered. So in its

wake, dementia invites in other friends it has: fear, sorrow, agitation, anger, tears. All ready to step in and play their part in bringing the afflicted down and disrupting the lives of those doing the care giving and, dare I say, the other family members who love the one who is suffering.

I ask myself, what can I do to fight this enemy of my loved one? How can I be proactive and do battle with this foe that has an arsenal of emotional weapons ready to strike me and my loved one at any moment?

The strength it has to enclose my loved one with a fog and remove memories is awesome in its power. The ability it has to put daily life in a haze of vague and unclear directions is perplexing and totally mystifying for both loved one and caregiver.

It has taken me time to adjust to our new blurred situation and think about this. It has taken me time to come up with a plan. First, I pray for strength, wisdom and understanding concerning my loved one and the grace to live through each day.

Next, I don't fight it in the usual way. I have come to realize by embracing the ambiguity of the situation, by realizing that nothing is going to be the usual 'normal' and that this new normal will be ever changing, it gives me a peace to not challenge the changes.

Well-meaning friends and professionals have suggested I to go with the flow. To love, not confront and to instead redirect and to not be emotional. All of these are excellent tools to put in my own arsenal of weapons and I have listened.

But I am also giving myself the gift to be a normal human being with feelings and emotions who is grieving, who gets hurt and becomes frustrated, flustered and fatigued, and reacts in the spur of the moment. I have allowed myself time to

cry. But most of all, if guilt comes into play in my life, I have learned to confess quickly, ask for forgiveness from my creator and my loved one and to forgive myself also and then move on. Getting advice from experts in the field is also strengthening, belonging to social media groups for sufferers and caregivers and reading books and information from Alzheimer's groups has been empowering. And when dementia is demanding my time, I also must remember to give myself time to rest, to sleep when I can, to eat properly and to exercise when able. This gives me the mental and physical strength to do combat for my loved one.

It is a challenge, but dementia will not win this war. It will eventually take my loved one's life from me and remove everything my husband has stored up in his mind, even his remembrance of me and our children but it will not completely destroy my life with him.

And with him, I will learn to become a better person. I will win instants of clarity. I will win tender times, moments of smiles and laughter, split seconds of recognition and times with family and friends that will be cherished by us all.

Yes, Dementia, you have been a challenging foe. But I put you on notice; with peace, goodness, patience, gentleness, and humility. With our family and friends, and most importantly, love, in my arsenal of tools, I will do battle with you when necessary. And I will do everything I am able to give my loved one the best possible life he has left to live.

No dementia, you will not win this war.

Lee Turner is a personal support worker for Haliburton Highlands Health Services. The opinions expressed in this story are not necessarily those of The Highlander.

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Lee and Ed Turner at home on their couch, a place they spend quality time together.

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The PeeWee AE Highland Storm rush the net against the Tweed Hawks during the Silver Stick Tournament on Nov. 28.

Silver Stick philosophy strong in today's hockey

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

The thunderous applause could be heard from the parking lot Sunday afternoon, after the Atom Highland Storm team won two games in a row during the Silver Stick 'AE' Regional Tournament.

It was the team's first two wins of the season. The Silver Stick tournament worked its magic once again, bringing the best out of its participating teams.

For Wade MacInnes, Silver Stick tournament director for Haliburton and Minden, it was a moment he will never forget.

"They got their medals, skated around

the rink after the game and it was like they won the Stanley Cup," MacInnes said after the game. "That's what it's all about."

The Storm also tasted success Nov. 21 during the PeeWee A annual Regional Silver Stick Tournament in Pembroke, ON. The team finished the tournament as champions, a title PeeWee Storm hasn't earned in about five years, according to head coach Ritchie Mills.

The team's next step will be in Sarnia on Jan. 8 where they will compete against teams from across both the province and the border.

"It's a great learning experience," Mills said, adding the adrenaline rush of playing in such a prestigious tournament almost

always brings out the best in players. The team's puck control and positioning was the best it's been all season, he added.

The interaction between players off the ice is another part of Silver Stick's legacy, MacInnes said. The French language was spoken frequently at the A.J. LaRue Arena during the regional tournament. Players from the Timiskaming team spoke fluent French with their parents, occasionally drawing interest from other players who decided to interact with their on-ice opponents. Conversations between travelling parents flourished as well. The second floor, which overlooks the hockey rink, quickly turned into a unique multicultural atmosphere.

"It's so interesting talking to people from other countries," MacInnes said, referring to some of the American teams Canadian players face off against at higher levels of play.

MacInnes thanked all the volunteers who donate their time to Silver Stick every year. Many will continue to work the prize tables, scores tables and registration booths during the Bantam and Midget Regional Silver Stick tournament held in Haliburton and Minden this weekend.

The first Silver Stick tournament was held in February of 1958 and included Bantam and PeeWee teams from Potsdam, N.Y. and South Carleton, Ont.

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Brendan Coumbs PeeWee AE

The Highland PeeWee AE Storm faced off against their league rivals, the Huntsville Otters, to kick off the International Silver Stick Regional Hockey Tournament in Minden. The rivalry was evident throughout the game, as both teams battled hard on both ends of the ice. The game finished with a 4-4 tie. The momentum, unfortunately, did not carry through to the following games, including the final match against the Tweed Hawks. Brendan Coumbs had no problem scoring despite the tough matchup. He notched an impressive hat-trick with a power play goal in the final period.

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Ethan Howe Midget A

After poor weather conditions cancelled the Highland Midget A Storm's game against the Almaguin Ice Devils on Nov. 27, a well-rested Storm team had no trouble walking away with a win on Nov. 29. The Storm's goal keeper provided the team with an outstanding performance in net allowing only one goal, even with the Ice Devils' multiple power play opportunities. This weekend the team is off to Pembroke for the Silver Stick Tournament where he looks to build on his solid work in goal.

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Thurs. Dec. 10 in Minden

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Highland Storm



Tough loss for Novice team

Submitted by Amber Card

The Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm traveled to Huntsville on Nov. 28 to verse the Huntsville Otters.

It was a tough loss. The Storm fought hard but ended up losing 6-1. The single goal was scored by Beckam Reynolds. The team will travel to Port Carling for a tournament on Dec. 6. The first game starts at 10 a.m.

PeeWee AEs hustle but miss out on Silver Stick

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

The Walkers and Heating Haliburton Health Team Highland Storm PeeWee AE's were hosts this past weekend for the International Silver Stick Regional Hockey Tournament in Minden.

Game one was bright and early Nov. 28 against league rivals, the Huntsville Otters. The Otters have had the Storm's number for much of the season but that didn't deter our team, as Tim Turner scored early in the first period. The game was fast-paced with end to end action and great saves by both goaltenders. The teams exchanged goals frequently with neither holding more than a one goal lead at any time. The game ended in a 4-4 tie, with Kolby McGovern and Tyler Martin scoring the other Storm goals.

In game two, the Storm played the Stirling Blues. The game remained scoreless throughout most of the first period with much of the action taking place in the Blue's end, as the Storm frequently buzzed around looking for that first goal. The Storm finally broke through near the end of the first period when Sam Hoenow scored on a beautiful wrist shot. The Storm clung onto one goal lead for most of the game and came close time and time again, looking for the insurance marker. With only four minutes to go, the Stirling team was given the opportunity to go on the power play and finally beat stellar goaltender Nathan Miscio. Unfortunately for the Storm, the Blue's scored another goal about a minute

later handing the Highland Storm a heart breaking 2-1 loss.

In the third game of the tournament, the Storm took on the undefeated Tweed Hawks. The Hawks scored within the first two minutes and then popped in another three before the game was even five minutes old. The Storm caught a lucky break, when Brendan Coumbs scored on a shot from the neutral zone. Coumbs scored again early in the second period on the power play to make things interesting at 4-2. Tweed, however, never slowed down and by the end of the middle frame had restored their four goal cushion with the game at 6-2. The Storm's high point of the game was Coumbs getting the hat trick with a power play goal in the final period. The Tweed Hawks went on to take a convincing 8-3 win to remain undefeated in the opening round and eliminating the Storm from the tournament.

This coming weekend, the PeeWee AE's will travel to Gravenhurst on Dec. 5-6 to resume league play against the South Muskoka Bears.

Midget As win two in a row

Submitted by Dave and Katie Howe

A well-rested Dollo's Foodland and Smolen's Dentistry Highland Storm Midget A team took to the ice against the Almaguin Ice Devils in Minden on Nov. 29. This after inclement weather cancelled their game on Nov. 27.

The first period had the home side carrying the play with many fine chances, but unable to capitalize and the first period ended knotted at nil. The second was a more even affair with both goalies standing tall and the Ice Devils opening the scoring with just over six minutes left, on a power play goal. But the Highlanders came back in a fury with Jaydon Wood scoring the equalizer two minutes later and Owen Patterson-Smith tallying the go ahead goal quickly after, leaving the second period with the Highlanders ahead 2-1.

Haliburton came out flying in the third and tallied two more goals, another each by Wood and Patterson-Smith. Coupled with the great defensive effort and rock solid goaltending of Ethan Howe, the

home team finished it 4-1 for their second consecutive victory.

This weekend the team is off to Pembroke for the Silver Stick Tournament where they look to build on their winning ways.

PeeWee As win three in a row

Submitted by Trevor Maddock

On Nov. 27, the South Muskoka Bears visited the Joanne Sharpley's Source for Sports Highland Storm PeeWee A team. The Storm scored right away, with net drive by Joe Boice from Aaron Bellefleur. The combatants traded chances, but it was the Storm who added another tally five minutes later by Dylan Keefer, helpers from Boice and Nick Phippen.

The second period started with the Storm up 2-0. Beast of a power forward, Keefer added another goal with a short-hander maker, from two-way forward Phippen. The Storm had to kill off eight of the 15 second period minutes, which kept the Bears in the game a lot longer than they should have.

Although shorthanded, the Storm team were able to add to their lead with a nice goal by speedy forward, Hunter Winder, who drove to the net hard all night, capturing the attention of the crowd. After only a few seconds back at even strength, team captain Alex Little sent a laser beam through traffic and the goalie to put the Storm up by five. Second year PeeWees Brenden Newhook and Cole Prentice got the helpers. Prentice put this already "out-of-reach-game" further out by putting the final nail in the coffin with the sixth goal. The Storm outshot the bears 41-19 and when asked about the game, head coach Richie Mills said the boys did what they had to do for the most part, getting the puck deep, fore-checking well, keeping the Bears chances to the outside, and capitalizing on their own scoring chances.

On Nov. 28, the team traveled to Parry Sound to face the Shamrocks, with the visitors coming away with a 7-0 victory. The first period produced only one goal by Aaron Bellefleur capitalized on an opportunity, from Aiden Neave and Joe Bioce. Seven minutes into the second, Joe Boice scored a goal and three minutes after that added another to extend the lead to three. The third started with a bang,

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when Neave put one past the Shamrocks' goalie with the assist from Hunter Winder. The third period was taken over by the team captain and points machine, Alex Little, when he scored the next three goals recording the natural hat trick in the final frame.

Their third game in as many nights was a quick rematch to the 6-0 thumping from Nov. 27. Unlike the last meeting, the Bears kept the intensity up and their goalie faced 38 shots for the game, which was a low number considering what was directed at his net. Hunter Winder, who had a monster of a weekend, had the only goal of the game and Darian Maddock recorded his third consecutive shutout in the win.

Solid weekend for the Tykes

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

The Tom Prentice and Sons/RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team were in action on Nov. 28, facing off against Tweed in Wilberforce. Their first meeting this season was a battle from start to finish, so this game was set to be no different. Tweed came out strong and dominated play early taking a 3-0 lead into the second period. The Storm battled back with a goal by Josh Scheffee in the second period and a goal by Brady Burtch in the third, but were unable to fend off the strong offensive charge of Tweed. Strong goaltending by Chase Winder kept the score within reach. The Storm lost their first game of the season 6-2.

The team then travelled to Bracebridge on Nov. 29 to play their seventh game of the season against the South Muskoka Bears. The Storm were first to light up the scoreboard and with a solid team effort they managed to keep the number of scoring chances for the Bears to a minimum. Goals for the Storm were scored by Brady Burtch, Connor Byrne, Brechin Johnston and Jace Mills. The Storm net minder, Chase Winder, made some incredible saves to seal the victory 7-3.

The team is in action Dec. 5 at the Woodville Tyke Tournament and at home on Dec. 6 where they will face the Muskoka Rock for the first time this season. The puck drops at 1 p.m. in Haliburton. Good luck team!

Haliburton Wolves



November 26

7:30PM in Haliburton
vs. Temiscaming Titans
5-1 Loss

November 29

2:00 PM in Seguin vs.
Seguin Huskies
6-3 Loss

December 3

7:30PM in Haliburton
vs. Bobcaygeon Storm

December 10

7:30PM in Haliburton
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Highlander sports

Girls volleyball in full swing at HHSS

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

There was a lot of action in the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) gym Nov. 30.

Members of the junior and senior girls' volleyball teams had regular practice and the seniors were busy preparing for an upcoming away game in Lindsay.

Tryouts for both the junior and senior teams took place during the second week of November and from what both coaches are saying, the teams look very different from last year.

"We only had seven players last year," said the senior girls coach Michelle Backus. She said they even had to recruit a few more girls after the start of the 2014-15 season to be able to travel.

"Some of them had never played volleyball before, so we didn't have any substitution options," she said, confirming the starting six players were the ones who played the entire year.

The seniors still ended up making Kawartha qualifiers in a specific competition designed for the single As to compete against each other, to make sure it was fair for all teams. But this year, the senior team has three returning players and 10 new girls on the roster.

"Everyone who tried out, made the team," said Backus.

Junior coach Brett Caputo had to cut girls for the first time in a long time.

"We have a roster of 15 players, three of which are returning and 12 Grade 9s," said Caputo. This is an improvement from years past, he said, as it's been a while since this many girls have wanted to play. He likes to have an equal split of Grade 9s and 10s but had an overwhelming response from the grade nine girls.

"We had about 25 girls come to the initial information meeting and try and out and we cut it to 15," Cuputo said. "You have to carry

a large number of juniors to carry over into the senior years."

Caputo said their goal for this season is to qualify for the single A Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA) tournament, but for the juniors it's more about the development of the skill.

"We are teaching fundamentals and trying to build a program where students commit to four years of development," he said. "I believe that we will be competitive throughout the season, stay motivated to practice with intensity and peak at the end of the season."

He coaches the team with the assistance of Sharon Dibblee and Dan Gimon and their philosophy is that every member of the team will see floor time to keep up with the primary goal of development.

"Players will not be substituted for making mistakes and that's what allows for making athletes and teams to become mentally tough," he said, reiterating his mantra of maintaining a balanced life where responsibilities are taken care of in order of importance: family, academics, volleyball and community.

Backus generally feels good about the senior team, even though she has girls who used to play on the HHSS hockey team who have never played volleyball before.

"This is the start of our fourth week of practices," said Backus. "We feel pretty good. Going from junior to senior volleyball is a pretty big jump, because they no longer do a 4/2 rotation with two setters. It is a 5/1 rotation with one setter for the whole game."

Rachel Churko is in Grade 11 and is on the senior team. She started on the junior team when she was in Grade 9, but couldn't play last year because she had dance class.

"It's fun. I like volleyball because of the amount of players on the court at once and the communication," said Churko. "You have to really trust that they are going to get the ball. You have to rely on each other." For Shae MacNaull, this year marks five years playing



Photo by Jennifer Hughey

The senior girls practice for an upcoming tournament in Lindsay.

volleyball. She graduated last year but has returned for another year of study.

"Out of all the sports happening right now, it is the best," MacNaull said. She also plays field hockey for the Red Hawks, but seeing as that's done, she is back into volleyball full tilt.

The Red Hawks junior girls volleyball team will host the Junior West Mixer Tournament on Dec. 8 at the high school and the seniors head to Lindsay Dec. 9 to play in the Senior West Mixer Tournament at I.E. Weldon Secondary.

Fast Lane Bowling Scores

Mon. afternoon, Nov. 23	Charlton – 702	High single handi: Ray Lymer – 300
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High avg.: Claude Cote – 223	Tues. afternoon, Nov. 24	High triple handi: Ray Lymer – 730
High single: Claude Cote – 271	MEN	
High single handi: John Beatle – 335	High avg.: Claude Cote – 219	WOMEN
High triple: Claude Cote – 685	High single: Claude Cote – 303	High avg.: Barb Ballantyne – 184
High triple handi: John Beatle – 804	High single handi: Claude Cote – 309	High single: Lynn Bartlett – 261
WOMEN	High triple: Claude Cote – 738	High single handi: Lynn Bartlett – 313
High avg.: Chris Cote – 181	High triple handi: Dennis Middlehurst – 758	High triple: Barb Ballantyne – 602
High single: Chris Cote – 193	WOMEN	High triple handi: Lynn Bartlett – 715
High single handi: June Beatle – 250	High avg.: Chris Cote – 178	
High triple: Chris Cote – 528	High single: Rae Shephard – 174	Friday afternoon, Nov. 27
High triple handi: June Beatle – 721	High single handi: Caroline Hunter – 251	MEN
Monday night, Nov. 23	High triple: Chris Cote – 498	High avg.: Claude Cote – 210
MEN	High triple handi: Caroline Hunter – 654	High single: Claude Cote – 244
High avg.: Rick West – 219	Wednesday Special Olympics, Nov. 11	High single handi: Keith Anderson – 276
High single: Rick West – 388	MEN	High triple: Claude Cote – 646
High single handi: Rick West – 393	Robert Boccitto – 166	High triple handi: Bruno Campagnolo – 691
High triple: Rick West – 798	Jason Hollowell – 141	
High triple handi: Rick West – 813	Andrew Bourgeois – 137	WOMEN
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High avg.: Cathy Snell – 233	WOMEN	High single: Beverly Alexander – 238
High single: Cathy Snell – 229	Robin Fletcher – 159	High single handi: Beverly Alexander – 294
High single handi: Carol Bellefeuille – 271	Sarah Hudson – 140	High triple: Beverly Alexander – 535
High triple: Cathy Snell – 625	Dawn Piercey – 129	High triple handi: Beverly Alexander – 703
High triple handi: Nancy	Thurs. afternoon, Nov. 26	
	MEN	
	High avg.: Gerry Wagg – 199	
	High single: Ray Lymer – 235	



Photo by Alex Coop

Going for the easy two

Devon Bangay drives to the basket against a Brock Bulldog defender during the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School senior boys' basketball team's home opener on Dec. 2. The senior team won 38-24. As of press time, the junior team's final score was not available.

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Graveside Service & Reception

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. We invite you to check back later with us. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.



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Greg Dunn

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Loving husband of Carol Jarvis, dear father of Alice Magee and grandfather of Richard and Allan. Dear brother of Dennis (Francine), Gary (Myrna), Deanna (Bob). Fondly remembered by his family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, November 28, 2015 from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. Cremation will follow.

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.



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<div><p> PUBLIC NOTICE</p><p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:</p><ol style="list-style-type: none">File No. SRA-15-06 Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull River, lying in front of Lot 29, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9788, registered October 28, 2015.File No. SRA-15-04 Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of Lot 10, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9787, registered October 28, 2015.<p>The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.</p><p>AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on Thursday, December 10, 2015.</p><p>DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 26th day of November, 2015.</p><p>Ian Clendening, MPI. Planner</p></div>				

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1. Frosted

5. Fine ____

9. Nervous walker

14. Enjoy a book

15. Origin

16. Over

17. Escapade

19. Marathons, e.g.

20. Originally named

21. Fable author

22. Quality of sound

23. Warning horn

24. Chicken serving

26. Rock band ____ Dan

29. Staircase part

31. Ripped

32. Verse makers

33. Exclamation of discovery

36. Beginning

39. North African
- DOWN
2. Give up

3. Roof overhang

4. Ike's inits.

5. Blood vessel

6. Awaken

7. The Blue Jays' city

8. Tread

9. Golf norm

10. Decreased

11. Hot chocolate

12. Levels

13. Put back to zero

18. Metal spike

23. Exported

24. Phi ____ Kappa

25. Reckless

26. Commotion

27. Acting award

28. Historic canal

30. Take a break

41. Seeded bread

42. ____ sixteen

44. Remain undecided

45. Poe's middle name

46. Not wavering

48. Verb forms

51. Liquid measure

53. Woeful cry

54. Fine fabric

55. Ostrich's kin

58. Lasso user

60. Surpassed

62. "Carmen," e.g.

63. Richard ____ of "Chica

64. Grateful ____

65. Grouchy

66. Informed of

67. Capital of Norway

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SATURDAY

Ski & snowboard season opens at Sir Sam's Ski & Ride (weather permitting)
Winter Festival at Abbey Gardens – 12:00pm – 4:00pm – Drop in for some winter magic
Santa's Workshop Craft Sale – 9:00am – 2:00pm - Lloyd Watson Centre – Wilberforce
Heritage Ballet – The Nutcracker – Northern Lights Pavilion – 2:00pm & 7:30pm

SUNDAY

The Mystery and Magic of Christmas. An Ecumenical Carol Service - 7:00pm. Lloyd Watson Community Centre, Wilberforce. Donations for Food Bank and Community children's Gift Fund. This event is supported by all our community churches.
Heritage Ballet – The Nutcracker – Northern Lights Pavilion – 2:00pm

MONDAY

Pickle Ball – Dorset Rec Centre – 6:45pm – 8:45pm

TUESDAY

West Guilford Community Centre – 7:00pm – Euchre. All welcome
WRAP (wellness recovery action plan) group Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services - 14 IGA Rd, Minden - 1:00pm - 2:30pm Contact 705-286-4575
Stanhope Shuffleboard – Stanhope Firefighters Hall – 1:00pm – 4:00pm

WEDNESDAY

Mindfulness Group Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services - 14 IGA Rd Minden - 10:00am - 12:30pm Contact 705-286-4575
Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group – 6:00pm - Lions Hall Minden. Everyone welcome no charge. Call Gail at 705-286-2225
Tai Chi – Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre – 2:00pm – 4:00pm

THURSDAY

Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services - 14 IGA Road Heritage Plaza Minden - 10:30am Yoga; 11:30am Drop-in Center; 1:00pm - 2:30pm Self-Esteem group Contact 705-286-4575

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION DEC. 3 - DEC 10, 2015

Haliburton Branch

General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m.
Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m.
Bingo, Wednesday, doors 6 p.m., \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot last Wednesday of the month
Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw, five draws/five prizes, Chester Howse, MC
Cribbage, Friday, 1 p.m.
Friday fun darts, 4:30 p.m.
50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m.
Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m., \$6/ person
Bridge, Monday 1 p.m.
Dart Night League, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Live entertainment featuring singer/guitarist, Jeff Moulton, Saturday Dec. 5, 4-7 p.m. in the Club Room.

Minden Branch

Ladies Darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m. No Ladies Darts Dec and January
Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.
Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.
Big euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, \$12
Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.
Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.
Liver lover's special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)
Meat Draw, Wednesday lunch time. Dec 16, special Christmas meat draws.
Thursday take-out meals, pick-up after 6 p.m. Call between 2-6 p.m. for menu and placing your order; The cook will prepare only the number of orders

placed before 6 p.m.

Monthly raffle, \$75 dinner for two at the Mill Pond in Carnarvon.
Dec. 19 Highlands Trio, 4-7pm

Wilberforce Branch

Pool, Friday, 2:30 p.m.
Ham and Scalloped Dinner, Friday, 5-7 p.m.
Jam session, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m., early bird 3 p.m. sharp
Wild Life Dinner, Saturday, 5-7 p.m., \$20 per person
Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m., Beginners welcome – Come and learn to play.
Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Youth League, Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
New Year's Eve Party, Thursday, Dec. 31, 9 p.m. to close – Tickets available at the bar.
President's Levee – Friday, Jan. 1, 2016 – Open House – 1-5 p.m.

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Highlander events



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Highlander events

Shindig raises \$18K for Fuel for Warmth

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

The second annual Highlands Christmas Shindig not only brought the best out in local talent, but also the community.

Through ticket sales, raffles and generous donations, the event raised \$18,152 for those in need. The grand total exceeded last year's fundraiser by more than \$13,500.

"Having our friends here doing the Shindig for us has provided us with funds so that now when we receive that call, yes, we can help you," Fuel for Warmth board member Joanne Barnes told the sold-out crowd on Nov. 28 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

The nearly four-hour event was once again hosted by Dame Beatrice (Mike Jaycock) and Elf (Lorraine McNeil). Performances included members of The Haliburton Highlands Youth Ensemble, Chad Ingram and Tim Tofflemire, Highlands Little Theatre (Jennifer

Mykolysbyn, Adam Perecko and April Martin), Tom Regina and Stan Russell, Scotty Morrison, Bill Candy, Brigitte Gall, Raven Mad Crow Society, Jim Love and Ken Loney.

Founded in 2009, Fuel for Warmth is a non-profit, charitable organization "serving the emergency heat requirements of clients throughout Haliburton County."

According to Barnes, the organization helped 65 families last year.

"Most people think that only people on assistance need help, but our records show this is not the case," said Barnes, who screens applicants.

She noted 63 per cent of clients are the working poor, 29 per cent are senior citizens, 21 per cent are on disability pensions and 14 per cent are on Ontario Works.

Each eligible client receives \$200 worth of fuel (oil, propane or wood) per family once a year, or more based on "extreme need and danger."

NOTICE

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NOTICE OF PASSING OF ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

PART OF LOTS 4 & 5, CONCESSION 'A', GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills enacted By-law No. 15-164, which adopted Official Plan Amendment No. 10, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13 and, enacted Zoning By-law Amendment No. 15-163 under Section 34 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13 on November 26, 2015 with respect to the lands shown on Key Map "A" below (being the subject lands). The Official Plan Amendment is being forwarded to the County of Haliburton for approval.

The purpose of Official Plan Amendment No. 10 (OPA 10) is to redesignate approximately 1 ha of land located in Part Lots 4 and 5, Concession A (Minden) from the Parks and Open Space designation to the Residential designation.

The purpose and effect of Zoning By-law Amendment No. 15-163 is to rezone the subject lands from the Community Facility (CF) Zone to the Residential Type Two Exception (C2-12) Zone. The zoning amendment will permit the lands to be used for a two-phase multi-residential housing development in partnership with the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation.

OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT:

Take Notice that any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the decision of the approval authority if a written request to be notified of the decision (including the person's or public body's address) is made to the approval authority, being the County of Haliburton, P.O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St. Minden, ON K0M 2K0. A notice of the proposed decision from the County of Haliburton will set out the requirements and last date for filing a notice of appeal of the Official Plan Amendment.

ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT:

Take Notice that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the Zoning By-law Amendment by first obtaining a prescribed Appellant Form and filing same with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills not later than December 21, 2015, and completing said Form setting out the objection(s) of the Zoning By-law (s) and the reasons in support of the objection(s), together with the required \$125 fee for each appeal made payable to the Minister of Finance.

And Take Notice that only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

A copy of the Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment are available for inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Dated this 30th day of November, 2015
Dawn Newhook – Clerk
Township of Minden Hills

Key Map "A"

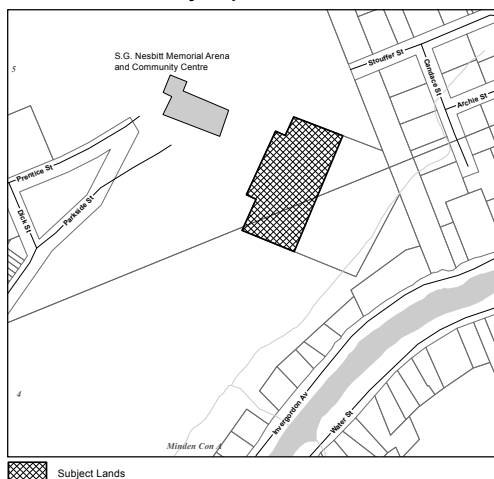


Photo by Mark Arike

Mike Jaycock as the colourful and eccentric Dame Beatrice.



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The successful candidate will have outstanding interpersonal skills, solid crisis intervention skills and demonstrated positive oral and written communication skills with the capacity to foster community partnerships. These activities will all be consistent with the vision, mission and values of KHVS. Additionally, the Incumbent will exhibit the highest levels of political acuity and the ability to maintain confidentiality in aspects of work performance. These skills will be coupled with experience in working with victims of crime and/or tragic circumstances.

The Incumbent will be a leader who is an energetic self-starter, who has a University Degree or Diploma with a combination of experience, a valid driver's license and strong computer literacy skills. Your demonstrated non-profit management experience will be coupled with a high degree of accuracy and attention to detail, where you appreciate the pivotal role that Victim Services provides to the Citizens of Kawartha Haliburton region and the communities that immediately surround it.

Interested applicants should submit their cover letter, resume and contact information by 4:00pm on Dec 22, 2015, to:

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About us: The Kawartha Haliburton Victim Services is a 24 hour a day/ 7 day a week, community-based service that assists police and other emergency personnel in providing short-term emotional support and practical assistance to victims of crime, tragic circumstance and disaster. Community volunteers provide for the victim's immediate needs and the organization supplies referrals to existing community services if longer-term care is required. Crisis assistance is given by specially trained community volunteers and staff.

Highlander events

Dorset gets into the Christmas spirit

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

About 75 people huddled around the fire as they sipped hot chocolate and sang Christmas carols during this year's tree lighting ceremony in Dorset, Nov. 29.

"It's a great turnout this year," said Melissa Alfano, recreation programming supervisor for the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

Longtime Dorset resident Marlene Shortreed was chosen to turn on the lights this year. Shortreed was selected for her involvement in the community. According to a speech, she served on the recreation committee for the Tall Pines Snowmobile Club, worked with Community Care for 16 years and was also a member of the community policing committee for 21 years.

Prior to the ceremony, local volunteers decorated the new pavilion in the park. A free dinner was held afterwards at the recreation centre across the street.

The tree lighting event has been an annual tradition for 22 years.



Photos by Mark Arike

Left: Dorset resident Marlene Shortreed turns on the lights. Right: Luke Balfour, Coralie Balfour and Emmitt Jurchison of Dorset enjoy a cup of hot chocolate.



Photo by Mark Arike

Current and former staff gather in front of the chalet at Sir Sam's Ski/Ride for a group photo on Nov. 28.

Sir Sam's staff look back on 50 years

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Many laughs and memories were shared during a 50th anniversary staff reunion party on Nov. 28 at Sir Sam's Ski/Ride.

Chris Bishop, general manager and co-owner of the family-run business, said he expected about 100 guests. However, he estimated about 1,000 people have worked at the business since 1965.

"I was nine years old when my parents started this, so I was young and it was great to be here and to be playing and skiing," said Bishop. "I made a lot of good friends."

Since the age of 20, he has worked weekends, holidays and

every March Break and Christmas at the ski resort.

He said it was great to see some familiar faces and new ones.

Local residents Fred Black and his daughter Nancy came to the ski hill in the 1960s. Fred was a ski instructor while Nancy worked in the ski rental shop.

Asked what it was like to work for the Bishops, Fred said it was akin to a family affair.

"We were like a big, big family," added Nancy.

Those in attendance were asked to sign a guestbook and indicate the years they worked at the hill. Cocktails and snacks were provided free-of-charge.

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What's on



File photo

A scene from the 2014 show, Julian Anderson and Madeline Hopkins watch the candy canes, Rebecca Kidd and Brooke Stevenson.

Ukrainian dancers opening for The Nutcracker

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

A couple of professional dancers from the Verba Ukrainian Dance Academy in Winnipeg will make a special guest appearance at this year's local production of *The Nutcracker*.

"I'm really excited because we've never had any professional dancers involved before," said Julie Barban, choreographer and owner of Heritage Ballet in Haliburton.

During three separate shows from Dec. 5-6, Jennifer and Paul Doroniuk will perform a traditional Trepak dance from a scene in Tchaikovsky's famous ballet *The Nutcracker*. Barban said it's the same dance the pair will be performing with the

Royal Winnipeg Ballet.

Dance Happens Here Haliburton, formerly known as Dusk Dances Haliburton, is sponsoring the performance, which will begin before the local dancers hit the stage.

"They asked if I'd be interested and I said, 'Sure, why not?'" recalled Barban.

The dancers will also offer two Ukrainian dance workshops for kids on Dec. 6 from 10:30-11:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.-noon at Heritage Ballet. The first is for kids between the ages of eight and 11 while the second is for those 12 and older.

Now in its 12th year, Barban's production will feature 69 children and several adults from the community. With many of the kids between the ages of five and nine, this

year's rendition will exude a cute factor.

"I've made a lot of changes to some of the dances to make it work with who I have," she explained.

"They're going to enjoy the little ones."

Twelve-year-old Holden Dupret-Smith will star as *The Nutcracker*. His "crush," as Barban puts it, is Marie, a shared role featuring Bella Smolen and Ella Moynes.

Many of the same colourful costumes audiences have seen in the past will reappear this year. However, Dani Smolen has created two new tutus for the show.

"I've got a brand new courtier outfit for the head courtier from Russia, it's beautiful. It's got this new headpiece, too. Two Chinese tea costumes are coming, too."

Although Barban has been with the local production since the beginning, it continues to be a magical experience for her.

"I love it just as much. ... It's just part of what I do now."

Two performances of *The Nutcracker* will be held at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. The final show will be at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and Pharmasave in Minden. Tickets will be available at the door if they are not sold out in advance.

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KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE



\$379,000

Spacious 5 bedroom, 4 bathroom home, a detached 26' X 12' garage with an in-law suite above it and deeded access to a sandy beach with south west exposure on Lake Kashagawigamog is just steps away.

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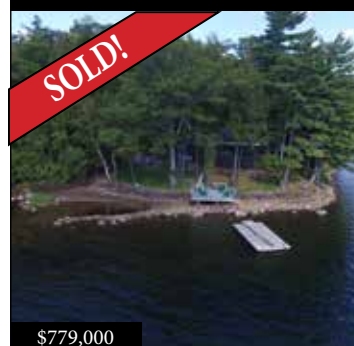
KENNISIS LAKE



\$495,000

4 bedroom Viceroy. Gentle sloping lot. Western exposure. Great shoreline.

KENNISIS LAKE



\$779,000

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